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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

DURING the temporary absence of Mr. E. R. FURMANN from the Colony, Mr. H. W. RUMCKER is authorized to SIGN OUR CHINA Navigation Company.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

FOR SHANGHAI

KASHING.
Captain Hopkins will be despatched on MONDAY, the 8th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 4th September, 1895. [1842]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

FOR TIENSIN

"ESANG."
Captain Puckett will be despatched on or about THURSDAY, the 12th inst., at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th September, 1895. [1846]

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FOR TIENSIN

"KWEIYANG."
Captain Davison will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 15th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 4th September, 1895. [1843]

AUSTRIAN Lloyd's STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.
The Steamship
"GISELA"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the undersigned before Noon on the 10th inst., or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 10th inst. will be subject to risk.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1895. [5]

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 52 (REVISED).

CHINA SEA.

FOG SIGNALS AT LIGHT-STATIONS.

Previously published information regarding the Fog Signals at the various Light Stations under the control of the Imperial Maritime Customs is hereby given:

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INTIMATIONS

WANTED

NURSE. To look after Two Little Girls, four and three years old, in a German Family.
Address: C. E. A., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 3rd September, 1895. [1833]

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LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Largest and Strongest Financial Institution of its kind in the World. Large amounts of its Tontine Policies are maturing year by year and they show LARGE DIVIDEND RETURNS to living policy holders than any other form of Assurance issued by ANY OTHER LIFE COMPANY.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1893.
Assets: \$3,320,000
Liabilities: 2,477,000
Income: 7,743,073
Surplus: 8,754,710
New Assurances, 1893: 42,766,714
Outstanding Assurances: 194,277,620
Paid to Policy-holders: 40,110,332
For illustrations of mutual policies, or for all other information, apply to
SHEWAN & CO., General Agents.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1895. [1874]

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED. wish to make public notice that they have now in stock all kinds of gas appliances, such as large and small Cooking Stoves, Boilers of various sizes, Incandescent Lamps, &c., &c. These are on view at the Ware House, Works and Full Particulars may be obtained upon application being made at the Office.

OIL ENGINES. These Motors have several advantages:—
1. No Man is required for Stoking and attending to a Boiler.
2. No Boiler Insurance to be paid.
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4. The Gas consumed varies with the work done.
5. Two Engines of the "Otto" type (one Horizontal and one Vertical) are working daily at the Company's Wharf Station, and can be seen upon application.
Hongkong, 30th August, 1895. [1807]

FOR THE WEEK

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS is now ready and contains:—
Leading Articles.
Anti-Foreign Outrages and the Tung-II Lancers.
Railways in China and National Progress.
The Military Contribution and the Percentage Principle.
The Japanese Advance in Formosa.
Bureaucraticism and Silver Inflation.
Supreme Court.
Hongkong Sanitary Board.
News from Formosa.
The Kuchang Massacre.
The Eastern Mission.
Green Island Cement Co., Limited.
Japanese Manufacturing Industry.
Correspondence.
Local and District News.
Commercial Intelligence.
Subscription \$12 per Annum, payable in advance; postage 2s.
No. 10, Queen's Road, Central.
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1895. [5]

INTIMATIONS

REMEMBRANCES

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7A, CANNON ROAD, HONGKONG.
Will be glad to send STAMPS in approval to any address in receipt of satisfactory references.
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Labour Discount Allowed. [1374]

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Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [1838]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1895. [1800]

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BOARD OF TRADE.

WHITEHEAD'S GARDENS, LONDON.

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25, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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For Covering BOILERS, STEAM, HOT WATER, and FLUE PIPES, and all Surfaces from which it is necessary to prevent radiation of heat.
This Composition is—
UNEQUALLED as an Economiser of Fuel, frequently affecting a Saving of 30 to 40 per cent.
UNEQUALLED for Durability, being composed of Indestructible Materials, its non-conducting properties do not deteriorate.
UNEQUALLED in Point of Covering Capacity.
UNEQUALLED in Ease of Application.
At 100-ohms lined with ABOVE COMPOSITION WILL KEEP ICE THREE TIMES as long as when lined with Charcoal.
ESTIMATES given for Work finished Complete.
W. JACKSON, Manager.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, GRAND PIANO, by Broadwood & Sons, &c.
The Undersigned has received Instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION:
SATURDAY, the 7th SEPTEMBER, 1895.
Commencing at 2.30 P.M.
at his Sales Room, DUNDRELL STREET, for Ready Accounts.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising—
DRAWING ROOM SUITE, in SILK TAPESTRY, with LANTERN GLASS, and LANTERN TABLES, CARD TABLE, CLOCKS, PICTURES, and ORNAMENTS, FANCY and CENTRE TABLES, CUPBORDS, and BUGS, DOUBLE BARRELLED GUN, &c., &c.
One GRAND PIANO, by Broadwood & Sons.
SEVERAL SIDEBOARDS with Mirror, DINING TABLE, CHAIRS, DINER WAGGONS, DINNER and DESERT SERVICES, GLASS and ELECTRO PLATED WARE, CUTLERY, LANTERN, REFRIGERATOR, and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, &c. One AMERICAN BEDSTEAD, MARBLE TOP WASH-STANDS, and DRESSING TABLES, SINGLES and DOUBLE WALDROBES with Glass Doors and Plain, SUNDY BED-ROOM FURNITURE, &c.
COOKING STOVE, BATHROOM REQUISITES.
SEVERAL NEW SINGLE BUCKSHAS, &c., &c.
Catalogues issued prior to Sale. On View from Friday, the 6th August, to the 10th inst. at 4 P.M. As Customers.
Geo. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1895. [1838]

PUBLIC AUCTION

M. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received Instructions from the Second Mortgagee to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION:
(Subject to the First Mortgage for \$5,000.)
ON
SATURDAY, the 7th day of SEPTEMBER, 1895, at 2.30 o'clock in the Afternoon at the Premises.
The Following Valuable Leasehold Property—
All that Piece of Ground, known as the LAND OFFICE, Section 10 of INLAND LOT No. 853, together with the Messuages and Buildings thereon known as Nos. 39, 40, 41, and 42, CHOWKAT STREET. The Premises are held from the Crown for the purpose of a Term of 99 Years subject to the proportioned Annual Ground Rent of \$233.65.
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to
C. EWING, Solicitor for the Second Mortgage, or to
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1895. [1894]

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THE Undersigned has received Instructions to Sell by
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FRIDAY, the 13th day of SEPTEMBER, 1895, at 3 o'clock P.M., on the Premises.
The Valuable Leasehold Property, being Nos. 17, 19, 21, 23, and 25, WING FOO STREET, Victoria, Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as Subsection No. 14 of Section A of INLAND LOT No. 528.
For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors,
The Supreme Court House, or to the Undersigned.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 26th August, 1895. [1778]

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VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

SEASON 1895-96.

Our First Supply of these best Quality Seeds have arrived, and Orders will be executed in the sequence in which they are received as long as the supply lasts.

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HINTS FOR GARDENING
have been issued and can be obtained on application.

Our Seeds are all tested before being put up in London.

They are packed under our own Supervision, and the greatest care is exercised to insure protection in transit.

Savings should be made in FINE WEATHER and the remainder of the packets secured from damp, and kept in a dry place for repeat sowings.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high-class Fertilizer for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally.

It supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour, and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each. £1.75.
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Established A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1895.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Only communications relating to the news columns should be addressed to "The Editor." Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

No unimportant signed communications that have appeared in other papers should be inserted.

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BIRTH.

At Tacoma, Washington, U.S.A., on the 2nd inst., the wife of M. E. Brown, of a daughter. (1894)

At Newburgh, on the 22nd August, by the Rev. John Macdonald, assisted by the Rev. George Douglas, M.A., and afterwards at the residence of the bride, Miss Mary, M.E. (Glasgow), to Miss Mary, daughter of the late John Macdonald, Edinburgh.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1895.

One of the most curious accompaniments of modern politics and diplomacy is the doctrine of finality that a policy once adopted is never to be reversed, that political movement, which in all nations except Russia is conditioned by opportunism, is ever to be forward and never backward.

Man and societies in private life and in business go in largely for tentative methods; they make experiments and trials; finding the result favourable they advance, unfavourable they retire. Nations in these days seem incapable of such procedure: we find a policy once initiated persistently adhered to by its advocates no matter whether the results be patently good or evil. Italian and American finance.

French Colonial expansion, British policy in China, all illustrate the point at issue. This weakness is probably the outcome of a desire for consistency, and an unwillingness to admit fallibility in the conduct of public affairs. Rigid consistency is the bane of weak minds and weak men, and is merely a euphemism for the folly and pride which never allow inferior men to confess that they have done or can do wrong.

British statesmen led by Palmerston for years devoted their energies to fixing responsibility on the Central Government of China for the vagaries of provincial officials. After two campaigns and the expenditure of no little blood and treasure we gained our point, and from the days of Sir Frederick Bruce to those of Sir Nicholas O'Connor we have had fully accredited representatives near the Central Government.

It was confidently pleaded that a system which had been found to answer with all other governments would answer with China, but a long experience of thirty-four years has not yet enforced on our publicists that the Chinese are the exception to all political maxims, and that the very means so painfully enforced to secure certain ends have by oriental craft been counteracted to ensure the failure of those ends. Forced to admit the hated foreigner to her capital, China defeated him and his measures by instituting the Taung-ti Yamen. This unique institution has been altogether equal to the purpose for which it was created; its members quickly acquired an exact knowledge of the outward forms of diplomatic intercourse. Masters of etiquette and politeness, they adhere to every iota and tittle of the law of embassy. Fat and fituous they sit in a solid row and deliver their non possumus with the smiling urbanity of a lot of joss house idols. They use the one weapon with which Western diplomats cannot fight, the wit of their profound and self-education.

ignorance, Sir Harry Parkes, the longest and most energetic Minister England has ever had in Peking, said that to fight the Yamen was a question of physical endurance; "to get a decision from them," he said, "was like trying to draw water from a well with a bottomless bucket." In his case they did not hesitate to have recourse to personal insult. Every Minister has told the same tale, and the history of outrages directed against foreigners in China enforces the lesson that the rules of ordinary diplomatic intercourse are useless in Peking. Why does Downing Street recognize this obvious fact? We are disposed to think that it would almost be better to have no Minister at Peking at all than to continue to lose prestige by the present conditions.

Let us at once say it is the system and not the men whom we blame. Unless the Minister were given power to move the Fleet, we believe that no man however strong could overcome the evils of the situation. A CLIVE or a HASTINGS in Peking would be reduced to the same impotence as a PARKES or an ALOOCK if they had nothing but their personal force of character to oppose to Chinese and inactivity. They could save their self respect by resignation, but this would not remedy matters greatly. We should give up the face of affecting to believe that Great Britain and China are equally autonomous Governments bound by the ties of sovereign states. If China can really keep her treaty obligations nor preserve order within her own boundaries, the fact should be looked squarely in the face, and our attitude altered accordingly. Our primary business is to compel her to keep her obligations to us, and to help her to maintain order if the lives of our people are in jeopardy through her inability. Magnanimity towards a neighbour in distress has been carried too far; the British Foreign Office has for twenty years had its good nature imposed on by skillful playing on the strings of dynastic troubles. The subtle influence of Sir Robert Hart in the Legation in Peking, and of Sir Halliday Macartney in London, have sadly interfered with the robust common sense of our officials.

But how are we to meet all this? Lord Salisbury is now in power with an absolute majority of his own party to say nothing of several Liberal Unionists. He has now a chance of doing many things that he never had before and which will probably not soon recur. We should suggest that he boldly face the China situation and place the Peking Legation and Consular Service on the Indian establishment. This would within twelve months abolish the shabby little element which now erodes the whole service. The best administrative genius of the British people is in India; there we have men trained to self-reliance in an Asiatic environment, men who can follow oriental customs like a leech and can produce original thought in prompt action. The gathering of a dozen regiments on the Burma frontier would in all cases out of the Gordian knots of which the Yamen is so fond. They would, moreover, find a trained Indian diplomat a man of different kidney to the kingly men of the Foreign Office.

Sir Henry Maine long ago pointed out that India is now the central pivot of all England's foreign policy. Every succeeding year points to the truth of this statement. The focus of the Eastern question is moving steadily East and now tends to the Far East. Unless a moral revolution comes to China its partition will be the next phase of the great struggle. She is now so rotten that the next rough handling will shake her to pieces. When this inevitable consummation of present tendencies is reached Indian statesmanship and Indian generalship will be necessarily in. So that both on the ground of future contingency and present need we should like to see Calcutta supersede Downing Street in China. The Celestial Empire is ruled by old women of both sexes (and especially of the male), who are amenable neither to reason nor fairness. Lord Salisbury will get no permanent satisfaction out of them as long as he adheres to old methods. Chinese diplomacy is like bad plumbing; it lets out sewer gas which poisons our men. The Indian officials are, however, used to Asiatic evil and have a knowledge of the reagents which can both mitigate these evils and abolish their cause. The Consular Service would be the better of a shake up; it abounds in able but fastidious dilettantes, who drag their way to a premature pension through the avenues of personal enjoyment. The paramount need of the British situation in China is strength and fire. We think this can best be gained through India, but if this be thought too drastic and far reaching a measure, we should like to hint that collusion between the Admiral and Minister would in most cases be effective both to prevent catastrophes and to punish outrages.

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